

10/26/2025

“St John’s Reformed Church strives to welcome all, to know and proclaim God’s word, to seek God’s will and to live by Christ’s example. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we welcome all of God’s children, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, cognitive or physical limitation, to feel free to worship and seek God’s amazing grace.”

Rev. Alisha Riepma-Hosier
Minister of Word and Sacrament

Liturgist: **Steve Young**

Organist: **Max Brey**

The Consistory of St. John's Reformed Church:

Elders

Desiree Albizu
Paul Finch
Glenn Countryman
Elizabeth Young
Beverly Kipp

Deacons

Annamarie Woelm
Kayla Bell
Clifford King
Mary Hennessy
Laurie De Ciutiis

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Important Hours:

Rev. Alisha Riepma-Hosier

Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday-Office hours: 9 a.m.-3 p.m., and by appointment. Thursday-offsite, Friday-Sabbath Day (day off)
If schedule changes occur, the Administrator will be notified.

Kristi Colburn, Administrator

Monday/Wednesday/Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Deacon’s Food Pantry Distribution

Monday, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Mission and Outreach Mission for October - St. John’s Food Pantry

This month we would like to support our food pantry. The pantry has lost some critical funding from an ‘Angel’ in our community who has very generously donated weekly for years. They are no longer in a position to do so and Mission and Outreach would like to assist in filling the gap.

We will have soup ‘sales’ all through the month of October, like Scudder does during the winter months, only our ‘sales’ will be donations directly to the food pantry. Consider stocking your freezer for the cooler weather coming, and having an easy, quick, tasty lunch or dinner on hand. Additional monetary donations may be made to the food pantry as well.

Let’s help fill the gap!

Mission and Outreach Committee

CHURCH CALENDAR

TODAY

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

10 a.m. Worship Service

10 a.m. Children’s Program

Monday	9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Deacons’ Fund Food Pantry 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Administrator-Kristi Colburn
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Administrator-Kristi Colburn
Wednesday	9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Deacons’ Fund Food Pantry 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Administrator-Kristi Colburn 10:15 Bible Study-fellowship hall
Thursday	9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Administrator-Kristi Colburn 7 p.m. Boy Scout Leader’s Meeting-room 4
Friday	9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Administrator-Kristi Colburn

NEXT SUNDAY

All Saints’ Day Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

10 a.m. Worship Service

10 a.m. Children’s Program

Pumpkin Bake at Fellowship Hour

ADVANCE NOTICES

All Saints' Day: Sunday, Nov. 2, during the service, we will have a time of remembrance for all the Saints who have passed into glory. Please send Pastor Alisha a picture of them, including their name (how you want it to appear) and the birth/death date. If you have a hard copy picture, please stop by the office so Kristi can scan it and send it to Pastor Alisha. Please have your pictures sent or brought in by Tuesday, Oct. 28.

Men's Breakfast- the first Saturday of the month at 8:00 a.m. RH Diner.

St. John's Monthly Prayer Service- the first Tuesday of the month, at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Prayers are offered for St. John's missions, for the local community, for those on the prayer list, for those who are unable to gather with the congregation for worship, for personal prayers, and for anyone in need of God's love. See James Walrath for information.

Scudder Circle- the first Thursday of the month. All women associated with SJRC are invited. For more information, please see Mary Bayer.

Blooming in Faith Women's Fellowship- the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in room 3. We gather for fellowship and to create art. See Elizabeth Young for details.

Ladles & Loaves & Simple Supper-1st Tuesday of every month. Nov. 4 is the next gathering. **Ladles and Loaves**, a lunch of homemade soup & bread, 12-1:30 p.m. **Simple Supper**, leftover soup & bread & an one-dish meal, 5-6 p.m. Information is on the worship table. This is a free meal-donations accepted to cover the cost of supplies and ingredients. For more information, questions, or to volunteer, please text or call Beverly Kipp, 845-235-6013.

Pumpkin Bake-Next Sunday, please join us and sign up on the form found on the worship table. Please list your name, baked item, and recipe. No later than 9:15 a.m., on Sunday morning, so it can be judged. Please see Eileen Z.

Save the Dates: Nov. 9, Q & A Budget Meeting & Nov.16, Congregational Meeting to approve the proposed 2026 Budget & Consistory Nominations.

Christmas Bazaar & Lunch with Santa- Saturday, Nov. 22, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. There will be kid-friendly fare as well as the usual soup, sandwiches and pies. The Scudder Circle has already begun collecting jewelry for their sale. The Arts & Crafts ladies will have Christmas decor items. They are taking donations until Nov.17. There will be other vendors and the Used Toy Sale in the Assembly Hall. Donations will be taken for other tables as space allows. Please contact Desiree Albizu for more information and/or questions.

NOTICES

Consistory Nominations- As of Jan. 2026, Elders Glenn Countryman & Desiree Albizu, & Deacon Laurie DeCuiitis terms expire. The Consistory asks you to nominate an active member who has the gifts and talents to serve as an Elder or Deacon. Fill out the ballot and put it in the ballot box.

Fresh Flowers in Church: If anyone would like to place fresh flowers in church there are a few easy ways to do it! 1. Purchase flowers, or 2. Cut flowers from your garden, or 3. Send the church office a donation or put it in the offering, and they will be purchased for you. If you want a dedication to someone in the bulletin, contact the church office.

Streaming Sunday Services- Go to SJRC's website and click on the box, "join live". Click on "services" for the weekly bulletin and announcements.

Nursery Help Needed: We need childcare providers now to ensure that young parents can worship. There is a sign-up sheet on the worship table for those who may be able to volunteer for an occasional Sunday. If you could help once a month, every six weeks, or once a quarter, that would be most helpful. Please contact Desiree Albizu. Thank you.

CLYNK Bags: Thank you for donating your returnable bottles and cans. CLYNK bags are located on the bulletin board in the FH and stored in the church office. Please no juice or gallon water jugs, they are not returnable.

Deacons' Fund could use your help. The money is used to give the Food Pantry Clients a \$15.00 gift card to Hannaford for perishable items not supplied in the Pantry.

Deacon's Fund Food Pantry

We served 11 families in the Food Pantry this week.

We could use donations of: coffee, sugar, oil, dish & laundry detergent, reusable bags, flour, peanut butter, jelly, ketchup, mayonnaise, black beans, Kleenex & razors. Thank you for all your donations!

CONSISTORY NOMINATIONS BALLOT

Current Consistory Members

Elders

*Desiree Albizu-Education
*Glenn Countryman-Property
Beverly Kipp-Mission
& Outreach
Paul Finch-Worship
Elizabeth Young-Fellowship

Deacons

Annamarie Woelm-Education
Clifford King-Property
*Laurie DeCiutiis-Mission
& Outreach
Kayla Bell-Worship
Mary Hennessy-Fellowship

***Their terms on Consistory will be completed in January 2026 and you are nominating people to replace them.** The others listed are currently serving and should **not** be nominated.

The Consistory asks you to offer nominations of **active** members to the Nominating Committee and Consistory who have the gifts and talents to serve on the Consistory as an Elder or Deacon and on the Education and Mission and Outreach Committees.

You are encouraged to speak to people before you nominate them. Terms are for three (3) years.

If **YOU** are willing to serve on Consistory, you may nominate yourself.

Your Name

(for member verification only)

(Place completed form in ballot box on table in back of the Church
Or mail it to the church office)

DEADLINE: November 7, 2025

Duties of an Elder

The elders of our congregation are responsible for the spiritual guidance and discipline of the family of faith. This is achieved through oversight of what is preached and taught, the maintenance of the membership rolls, the visitation of those members who have fallen away from active fellowship with the church, the discipline of those members who do not keep the vows that they made upon joining, and by the offering of the Sacraments in such a manner that they are not abused.

Duties of a Deacon

As a deacon you are called to serve the church and the world in ministries of mercy, service and outreach. To give that service focus and direction, Reformed Church in America deacons concentrate on six areas of ministry:

- 1) Special Individual and Family Concerns
- 2) Stewardship Education and Congregational Giving
- 3) Mission Involvement
- 4) Volunteer Service
- 5) Reformed Church World Service and Hunger Advocacy
- 6) Caring for Creation and Simple Living

The particular committees that need individuals with specific gifts and talents this year are:

Education – this committee works closely with the Coordinator of Children’s Ministries, Desiree Albizu, in planning, overseeing and leading the education programs for the children, youths and adults of this congregation.

Mission & Outreach – This committee is responsible for the development, implementation and maintenance of the various mission activities that the congregation participates in. Examples include Mission-of-the-Month, RCA Missionary Support and local concerns.

Property Committee – This committee leads in the area of Property. This includes the maintenance and development of building and grounds. Historically it has lent support in areas of finance & personnel.